

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1992  
AT 2:00 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12TH FLOOR

To Council Members Wolfsheimer, Roberts, Hartley, Stevens, Behr, Stallings, McCarty, and Filner, members of the City Council of the City of San Diego, California:

A SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council is hereby called to be held in the Council Chambers, 12th floor City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, California, on Wednesday, July 8, 1992 at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

Said meeting has been called pursuant to a majority vote of the Council at the meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 1992 for the following purpose:

- Consider amending certain currently effective water and/or sewer rate structures in response to the recommendations of the Citizen's Water and Sewer Review Committee.

Dated June 29, 1992.

MAUREEN O'CONNOR, MAYOR

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Roberts at 2:10 p.m. The City Manager commented on a fax communication received from the League of California Cities regarding the Governor's budget proposal for local governments. Chairperson Filner adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

- (M) Mayor O'Connor-excused by R-280509  
(personal business)
- (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-present
- (2) Council Member Roberts-present
- (3) Council Member Hartley-present
- (4) Council Member Stevens-present
- (5) Council Member Behr-present

- (6) Council Member Stallings-present
- (7) Council Member McCarty-present
- (8) Council Member Filner-present
- Clerk-Fishkin (rb)

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

ITEM-1: ROLL CALL

Clerk Fishkin called the roll:

- (M) Mayor O'Connor-not present
- (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-present
- (2) Council Member Roberts-present
- (3) Council Member Hartley-present
- (4) Council Member Stevens-present
- (5) Council Member Behr-present
- (6) Council Member Stallings-present
- (7) Council Member McCarty-present
- (8) Council Member Filner-not present

ITEM-601: (R-92- ) DISCUSSION HELD

(Continued from the meeting of June 23, 1992, Item 333b, at the City Manager's request, for further review of the recommendations of the Citizens' Water and Sewer Review Committee.)

Consider amending certain currently effective water and/or sewer rate structures in response to recommendations of the Citizens' Water and Sewer Review Committee.

FILE LOCATION: WATER - Citizens' Water and Sewer Rate Review Committee

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A006-E312.)

Motion by Behr to approve the following proposals pertaining to water rate structures: 1) accept a single tier water commodity rate; 2) adopt a base fee of at least \$6 per single-family customer; 3) institute a Low Income Allowance

Program. To approve the following proposals pertaining to sewer rate structures: 1) A two-tiered flat rate structure for sewer service charges; 2) Institute a Low Income Allowance Program. Second by McCarty for discussion purposes. No vote taken at this time. The motion was later separated and voted on.

Substitute Motion by McCarty to approve Council Member Behr's proposals pertaining to the water rate structures only. Approve the Committee's recommendation on the sewer rate structures with caps. Second by Filner. No vote taken.

MOTION BY BEHR TO APPROVE A SINGLE TIER WATER COMMODITY RATE. Second by McCarty. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-yea, Roberts-not present, Hartley-nay, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-nay, Mayor O'Connor-not present.

Motion by Behr to adopt a base fee of at least \$6 per single-family customer. Second by McCarty. Failed. Yeas: 5,7. Nays: 1,3,4,6,8. Not present: 2,M.

The following motions were made as directives to the City Manager and staff to return to Council on July 27, 1992, with reports on the following concepts pertaining to the water rate structure:

Motion by McCarty to direct the City Manager to come back to Council with options on base rates from 0-8 in \$1 increments. Passed. Yeas: 1,3,4,5,6,7,8. Nays: none. Not present: 2,M.

Motion by Wolfsheimer to direct staff to return to Council with a report on the concept of instituting a low income assistance program. Passed. Yeas: 1,3,4,5,6,7,8. Nays: none. Not present: 2,M.

Motion by Wolfsheimer to direct staff to return with a report applying the same provisions to multi-family residences that are being recommended for single-family residences. Passed. Yeas: 1,3,4,5,6,7,8. Nays: none. Not present: 2,M.

Motion by Wolfsheimer to direct staff to bring forward a policy directive with respect to the use of meters and setting the use of meters as a goal, and phasing them in for single-family and multi-family residences. Passed. Yeas: 1,3,4,6,8. Nays: 5,7. Not present: 2,M.

Motion by Behr to challenge the ruling of the Chair in his decision to not accept on the floor a substitute motion by Behr in the place of McCarty's substitute motion. Second by common consent. Failed. Yeas: 5. Nays: 1,3,4,6,7,8. Not present: 2,M.

MOTION BY McCARTY TO APPROVE IN CONCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR SEWER RATE STRUCTURES BASED ON WATER CONSUMPTION DURING THE WINTER MONTHS (WITHOUT CAPS). Second by Hartley. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-nay, Roberts-not present, Hartley-yea, Stevens-yea, Behr-nay, Stallings-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-not present.

Motion by McCarty to approve the concept of caps on sewer rates. Second by Hartley. Failed. Yeas: 3,6,7,8. Nays: 1,4. Not present: 2,5,M.

Motion by McCarty to direct the City Manager to come back to Council on July 27, 1992 with a report on the background and history of caps over the past 12 months along with any other information pertaining to this issue. Second by Stallings. Passed. Yeas: 1,3,4,6,7,8. Nays: none. Not present: 2,5,M.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Filner at  
5:20 p.m.

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COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: E312).